



Timely Tidbits ...

Free eBay Class

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For more information, please call 734-728-4910.

Bingo Benefits Animal Shelter Fund

For the fifth consecutive year, Pumpkin Festival "Bingo!" will benefit the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund. Councilman Bill Wadsworth, who has made the drive for a new shelter his "pet project," says that bingo will be played at the Romulus Senior Center (corner of Bibbins and Shook) on Friday, September 14, from 5 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, September 15, from 1 p.m. to midnight; and Sunday, September 16, from 1 to 7 p.m. For further information, or to volunteer, contact Wadsworth at 734-941-0616 or Joe Ozog at 941-3466.

Golf Invitational Pays Tribute to McGrane

The 2nd annual Matt McGrane Memorial 5-iron Golf Invitational will be held at the Woodlands of Van Buren (39670 Ecorse Road, Wayne) on Saturday, September 22, beginning at 8 a.m. The 18-hole shotgun-format tournament – open to ages 16 and up – will be played in four-person teams.

An entry fee of \$65 per player includes a cart, use of the driving range beforehand, and a meal afterward. Tickets for a 50/50 raffle will be available for \$1 each.

Proceeds will go to Matt's son Jesse's college fund.

Registrations (limit: 120) will be accepted on a first-come/first-served basis. No applications will be accepted after September 7.

For more information, contact Jesse McGrane (734-942-1244), LeRoy Burcroff (734-467-8058), or Paul Filek (734-941-0787). □

City of Romulus Earns Kudos for Hosting Successful Downriver Senior Olympics

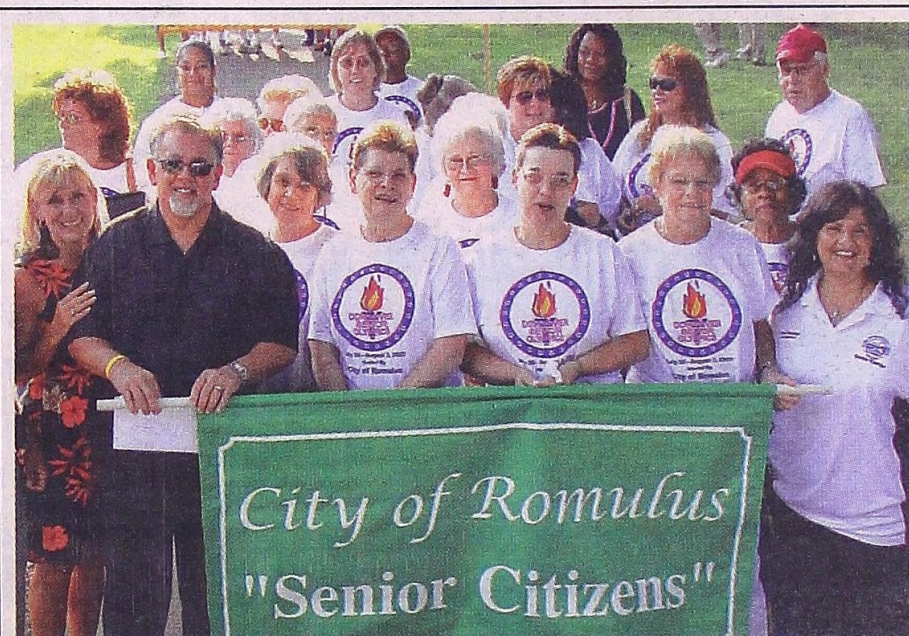
The annual Downriver Senior Olympics, hosted by the City of Romulus the week of July 30–August 3, drew accolades from Wayne County and local area officials as well as many participants, according to Romulus City Councilman John Barden.

"I am extremely proud of the job that our DPW and Recreation workers did to organize and implement this program," said Barden. "They really went above and beyond the call of duty to make the Senior Olympics a special event."

Among the Romulus seniors who earned medals in various contests were:

- Sharon Beals – silver, bocce ball (women);
- Carol Casmer – gold, euchre; silver, bocce ball (women); and bronze, billiards;
- Kenneth Choate – gold, golf (best ball scramble);
- Ruth Curley – bronze, pinochle;
- Mickey Durham – gold, shuffleboard; bronze, football throw; bronze, horseshoes; and bronze, softball throw;
- Mary Guita – silver, golf (best ball scramble);
- JoAnn Hewitt – gold, bowling; and bronze, bocce ball (women);
- Garold Hoffer – silver, basketball shoot; and bronze, golf (best ball scramble);
- Eileen James – silver, bocce ball (women); silver, darts; and silver, soccer kick;
- Karen Linebaugh – gold, pinochle;
- Katherine McCraight – gold, darts; gold, soccer kick; and silver, bocce ball (women);
- Florita Perryman – silver, darts;
- Conrad Samonek – bronze, golf (best ball scramble);
- David Sanborn – gold, bowling; and bronze, bowling;
- Wanda Sanchez – bronze, baking/candy (regular); and
- Beatrice Shepard – silver, baking/pies (regular).

Others who represented Romulus in the Senior Olympics included Arthur Berns, Sharon Berns, Ruth Bierl, Theresa Golembiewski, Gladys Hadyniak, Pauline Hargis, Marilyn Hoffer, Joan Kopke, Alexander McCraight, Betty Michling, Earl Michling, Larry Romak, Mary-Ann Ryznar, Gloria Sanborn, Louise Shelton, Dorothy Stillwagon, and Nellie Wehunt. □



Mayor Alan R. Lambert (left) was proud to join Romulus Senior Center staff members and local senior citizens in the Opening Day ceremonies for the annual Downriver Senior Olympics, hosted by Romulus.



Silver Spoon sponsored a breakfast for all seniors before the Opening Day ceremonies.



Romulus seniors who earned medals in the Olympics included: (from left) Ruth Curley, Karen Linebaugh, Florita Perryman, Kenneth Choate, and (not pictured) Garold Hoffer, who is represented by his wife, Marilyn.

Romulus "Schools of Choice" Program Welcomes New Students with State's Top Technology & Child Care

The Romulus school district will offer K-6 School of Choice programs at Cory (north), Halecreek (southeast), and Merriman (southeast) elementary schools (5 openings per grade), as well as at Romulus Middle School (10 openings in grade 7)

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Romulus residents can encourage friends and relatives to utilize this opportunity to attend the Romulus schools. The Romulus elementary curriculum has developed two State of Michigan Blue Ribbon Award-winning schools, and Romulus Middle School is noted for its innovative academic and traditionally strong band/athletic programs.

Take Advantage of Michigan's Top Technology and Child-care Programs

- The Romulus Community Schools' technology program features 1 computer for every 2 students (about 2,150 computers for 4,300 students) – by far the best ratio of computers to students in Michigan. This gives students the opportunity to develop computer literacy at an early age.
- The Romulus Community Schools' cooperative arrangement with the Romulus Boys & Girls Club provides weekday child-care opportunities until 8:30 p.m. for children age 6 and over for only \$30 per year. Students from the north- and south-side elementaries are transported to the Wick and Merriman club sites via district buses after school each day.
- The Romulus Community Schools' educational and athletic facilities are among the finest in southeast Michigan, and feature all air-conditioned buildings with telephone and internet access throughout.
- A total of 402 Romulus High School students have earned \$1,105,500 in Michigan Promise and MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) scholarships in the last 8 years.

Other District Highlights Include:

- NCA accreditation for all district schools
- Wayne County Elementary Teachers of the Year Gerilynn Kline (2005), Marilyn Wood (2006), and Kathy Hurst (2007)
- Three State of Michigan Golden Apple and two Blue Ribbon Award-winning Schools
- Three "A"-graded State of Michigan Education "YES" schools
- Two \$25,000 Milken National Excellence in Education Award winners
- All-day kindergarten classes throughout the district
- Numerous state educational awards

For School of Choice enrollment, district tours, and/or questions, contact Carole Bales (734-532-1610), or visit the Romulus Community Schools Administrative Offices, located at 36540 Grant Road. For virtual tours and further information, please visit www.romulusk12.com

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor MUST contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity.

Names will be withheld by request only in exceptional cases where, in our opinion, there is a legitimate reason to do so. All letters requesting anonymity will be treated confidentially, regardless of whether or not they are printed.

The little paper reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

Library's Summer Reading Program Draws to a Close

To the Editor:

The Youth Summer Reading Program at the Romulus Public Library came to a close with a pizza party that was held at the library on July 31. Altogether, 186 children from Romulus, Huron Township, and the surrounding area participated in the program, reading for a combined total of 215,678 minutes. Congratulations on a job well done!

To kick off the end-of-program party, the library first held an awards ceremony, during which several youth were recognized for their outstanding reading achievements. First-prize winners received a certificate, National City duffle bag, gift card, and T-shirt.

Some area day-care centers provided children with an opportunity to participate in the Children's Reading Program. During the six-week program, children and their parents enjoyed weekly entertainment at the library. Programs included Mr. J. Cooper, Puppeteer; Chris Measzros, The Man of a Thousand Voices; and the Super Science Program, which was designed to help children gain a better understanding of science.

Area teens enjoyed their own summer reading programs, which included a yoga demonstration and a crime-scene investigation. (Thanks to the Romulus police officers who took time from their busy schedules to help our teens solve the "crime" at our library.) Teen readers also celebrated their accomplishments with an end-of-program pizza party.

Everyone enjoyed the books, pro-

grams, and prizes that they received for turning in their time reports at the library. Many prizes were received from area merchants, including Meijer (Belleville), National City, Charter One, Target (Canton), Skateland West, and McDonald's. A very special thanks to all the sponsors and the Friends of the Romulus Library, Michigan Friends of Education, Romulus Rotary, Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce, and Huron Rotary for their generous support.

The library would like to thank everyone who made the 2007 Summer Reading Program possible.

Sincerely,
Gurpreet Samra, Director
Romulus Public Library

Barden Congratulates City on 2007 Senior Olympics

To the Editor:

I am proud of our Department of Public Works and Department of Parks and Recreation for their work on the 2007 Downriver Senior Olympics, which was hosted by the City of Romulus last week. The two departments did over

and above what was asked of them, and I heard many compliments from those who visited our community for the event.

Thank you, DPW and Recreation workers, for an outstanding job!

Sincerely,
John Barden, Councilman
City of Romulus

Romulus Helping Hand Could Use a Hand Itself

To the Editor:

The Helping Hand of Romulus now needs a hand itself.

Helping Hand, which has offered clothing and food to our city's needy for more than 40 years, needs donations of either cash or food to help stock pantry shelves that have become depleted due to current economic hardships.

During the school year, our local elementaries do food drives that are a big help ... but school's out now, so I am asking area residents to pick up the slack and help people who are less fortunate. If you can open your refrigerator door and find food, you are blessed.

A volunteer recently told me a story of a woman who came into the Helping Hand with her two children. The mother said that she didn't even care about herself; she just needed food for her children. Nobody—but nobody—should have to go hungry.

I really appreciate anything you can do to help the Helping Hand, which does such wonderful work in our community. For more information about this worthwhile agency, or to make a donation, stop in at Helping Hand (located at 37510 Huron River Drive) any Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., or call 734-941-5323.

Sincerely,
Harry Crout, Councilman
City of Romulus □

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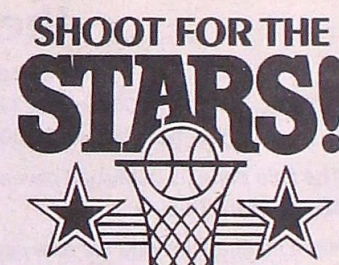
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The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Michael Smith for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's significant activity from Sunday, July 22, through Wednesday, August 1.

Information format: type of call, date, and street.

Abandoned Vehicle

- July 26 – Sharon

Accident (Hit & Run/Nonfatal)

- July 23 – Wayne/Van Born
- July 24 – Reported at RPD
- July 24 – Reported at RPD
- July 25 – Ecorse

Accident (Non-Hit & Run/Damage to Private Property)

- July 22 – Middlebelt/California
- July 22 – Wayne/Wick
- July 23 – Eureka/Brandt
- July 23 – Glasgow Ct.
- July 23 – McBride
- July 23 – W. I-94/Ozga
- July 24 – Reported at RPD
- July 24 – Smith/Middlebelt
- July 25 – Merriman/Ecorse
- July 25 – Wayne/Wick
- July 26 – Reported at RPD
- July 26 – Van Born/Hannan

Accident (All Other)

- July 30 – Dexter/Avalon
- July 30 – Huron River Dr./Eureka
- July 30 – Merriman/Ecorse
- July 30 – Middlebelt/Smith
- July 30 – Middlebelt/Wick
- July 30 – Van Born/Middlebelt
- July 31 – Ecorse/Inkster

Assault (Nonaggravated)

- July 22 – Hannan
- July 22 – Wick
- July 24 – Wick
- July 25 – Esther
- July 25 – Karen Dr./Malcolm Dr.
- July 28 – Airborne
- July 28 – Garner
- July 30 – Turbo/Piper

Burglary (Entry without Force)

- July 27 – W. Maple

Burglary (Forced Entry)

- July 22 – Brandt
- July 22 – Edmund
- July 23 – Goddard
- July 25 – Reported at RPD
- July 25 – Wayne
- July 26 – Cogswell
- July 28 – Elm Ct.
- July 28 – Eureka
- July 28 – Metro
- July 29 – Brandt
- July 30 – Wick

Civil Dispute

- July 25 – Rio Grande Dr.
- July 26 – Reported at RPD
- July 26 – Reported at RPD
- July 28 – Wade
- July 30 – Reported at RPD

Damage to Property

- July 23 – Chamberlain
- July 28 – Delano
- July 29 – Brandt
- July 30 – Ecorse
- July 31 – Sandpiper

Disorderly Conduct

- July 24 – Middlebelt

Forgery (Counterfeiting)

- July 24 – Reported at RPD
- July 25 – Wayne/I-94

Fraud (Bad Checks)

- July 23 – Goddard
- July 31 – Wick

Fraud (Credit Card/ATM)

- July 31 – Edinburgh

Fraud (False Pretense)

- July 25 – Reported at RPD

Fraud (Impersonation)

- July 23 – Colbert
- July 26 – Garner

General Assistance

- July 24 – Flynn Dr./Merriman
- July 26 – Colbert
- July 26 – Commons Dr.

- July 28 – Wayne
- July 30 – Vinewood
- July 31 – Ecorse/Sargent

Immigration

- July 25 – Cogswell

Insanity

- July 24 – Smith

Intimidation/Stalking

- July 22 – Niagara
- July 25 – Cypress
- July 26 – Cogswell
- July 27 – Ecorse
- July 28 – Joan
- July 30 – Knoll Way

Juvenile Runaway

- July 24 – Tempe
- July 25 – Metro
- July 30 – Reported at RPD

Larceny (Theft from a Building)

- July 28 – Airport Dr.
- July 31 – Goddard
- August 1 – Frederic

Larceny (Theft from a Motor Vehicle)

- July 24 – Reported at RPD
- July 25 – Cogswell
- July 25 – Van Born
- July 26 – Stephanie Dr.
- July 29 – Flynn Dr.
- July 30 – Amber Dr.
- July 31 – Ecorse
- August 1 – Flynn Dr.
- August 1 – Flynn Dr.

Larceny (Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts)

- July 23 – Grant
- July 31 – Goddard
- July 31 – Wayne
- July 31 – Wayne
- July 31 – Smith

Larceny (Other)

- July 22 – Cogswell
- July 23 – Washington
- July 24 – Heyer
- July 25 – Harrison

- July 25 – Smith
- July 25 – Washington
- July 26 – Goddard
- July 28 – Brandt
- July 30 – Cherokee Dr.

Miscellaneous Criminal

- July 24 – Ecorse

Missing Person

- July 24 – Reported at RPD

Motor Vehicle Theft

- July 22 – Redwood Ln.
- July 23 – Dodge
- July 23 – Nottingham
- July 23 – Oaktree
- July 24 – Ecorse
- July 27 – Margaret Dr.
- July 29 – Wayne
- July 30 – Gabriel
- July 30 – Joan Ct.
- July 31 – Julie Dr.

Obstructing Justice

- July 24 – Middlebelt
- July 25 – Wayne
- July 28 – E. I-94/Merriman
- July 28 – Rawsonville/E. I-94
- July 30 – Larkdale Ct.

Operating Under the Influence of Liquor or Drugs

- July 25 – W. I-94
- July 29 – Ecorse/Harrison
- July 29 – Middlebelt/Joan

Property (Found)

- July 22 – Leroy

Robbery

- July 23 – Biddle
- July 24 – Herman

Suspicious Situation

- July 25 – Middlebelt

Traffic Assignment

- July 23 – Cincinnati/Essex
- July 24 – Middlebelt
- July 25 – Huron River Dr.
- July 30 – S. I-275/Eureka

Trespassing (Other)

- July 30 – Bibbins □

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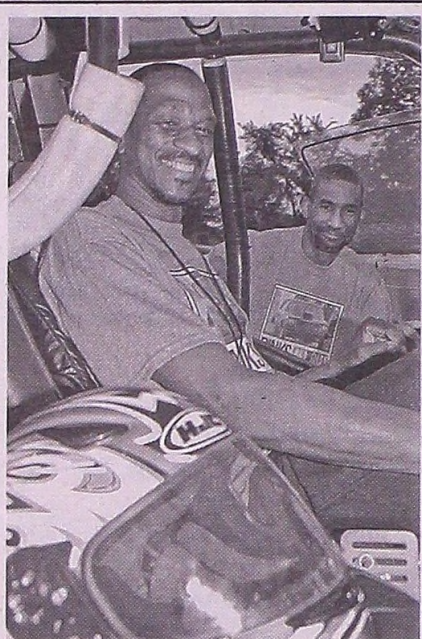
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Local Racer "in the *PINKS*" Thanks to Friend's Generosity



Romulus resident Melvin Coney (behind the wheel) got to race in the *PINKS - All Out* event held at Milan Dragway June 29-30 thanks to his good friend, Kahrah Noel of Romulus.

A rare opportunity for one Romulus man became a dream come true for another.

When Kahrah Noel was chosen to race his car during the Speed Channel's taping of *PINKS - All Out* at the Milan Dragway, his car wasn't ready ... so he passed his "ticket" along to his friend, Melvin Coney, who made good use of it.

"A lot of my racing friends would have loved to have that ticket, but I gave it to Melvin because I thought he was the most likely to win," said Noel.

Driving his 1979 Chevrolet Malibu, Coney won his first race to secure a spot among the 16 finalists, then eked out his next victory by a mere .001 seconds to move up to the final 8. His eventual defeat in the second round came by a similar margin: just .0009 seconds.

"It was a unique experience, and I will never forget it," said Coney.

The overall winner was Jay Hinkelman of Temperance, Michigan.

According to www.speedtv.com, the Milan Dragway episode of *PINKS - All Out* will air the weekend of September 6-9. (Check local listings for times and dates.) The show - a spin-off of *PINKS*, in which the losing driver hands over his ride's title ("pink slip") to the winner - features a different format, with racers vying for a cash prize of up to \$10,000.



Coney raced his 1979 Chevrolet Malibu to the quarterfinals, where he was defeated by a mere .0009 seconds.

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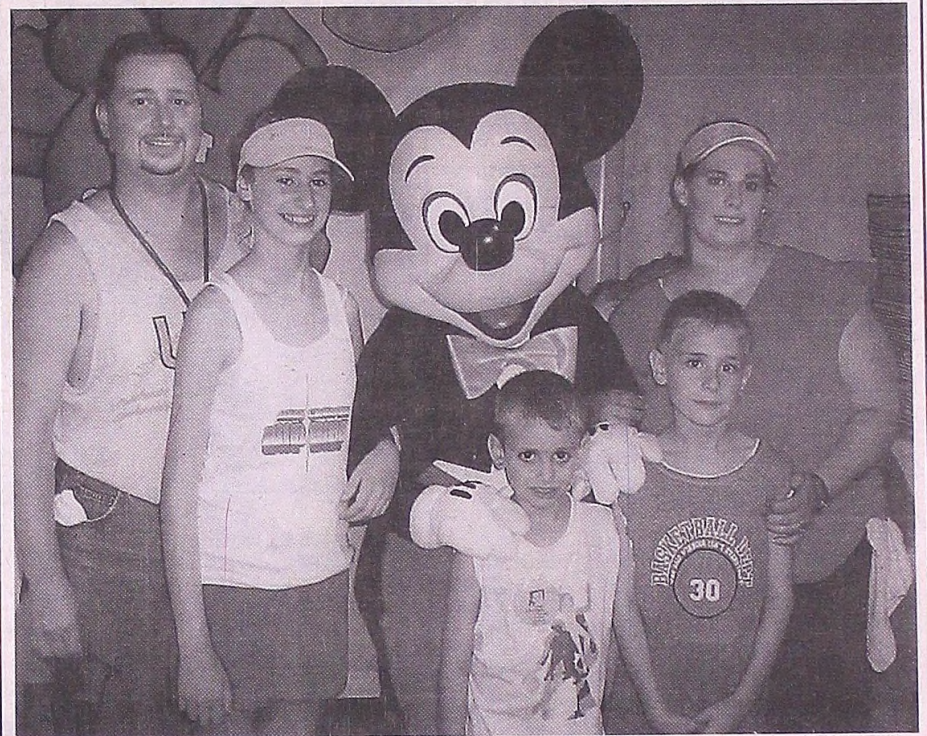


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Local Boy's Wish Comes True



The Garlands - (from left) Bill, Alyssa, Justin, Tyler, and Michelle - enjoyed meeting Mickey Mouse during their visit to Walt Disney World.

Six-year-old Justin Garland of Romulus has always wanted to go to Walt Disney World to meet Mickey Mouse and his friends. Thanks to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan - an organization dedicated to fulfilling the dreams of children with life-threatening medical conditions - Justin's wish recently came true.

Justin, who will enter the first grade at Barth Elementary this fall, has cystic fibrosis, a hereditary disease for which there is no cure. Cystic fibrosis usually appears in early childhood, and is commonly marked by serious digestion problems and breathing difficulties. In the 1950s, few CF patients survived long enough to attend elementary school, but today, thanks to advances in research and treatment, many can now expect to live into their 30s, 40s, and beyond.

On July 8, 2007, Justin and his family - dad Bill, mom Michelle, older sister Alyssa (age 12), and big brother Tyler (8) - began the trip that would fulfill Justin's dream. From the very start, the Garland family received the "royal treatment" from Make-A-Wish.

"On the morning that we left for Florida, we were picked up and taken to the Airport in a black limousine," said Michelle. "Justin said he felt like we were famous."

When the Garlands arrived in Orlando, they picked up their rental van (also provided by Make-A-Wish) and headed for their lodgings in "Give Kids the World" Village in Kissimmee. As they soon realized, they were in a wonderful world, indeed.

"The Village is designed for special-needs children and their families, and everything there was free; never did

we have to pay any money for anything," Michelle explained. "We felt like we were in fantasy land. Everyone was so nice and very helpful. It was like nothing we have ever experienced."

"The Village gives families like ours a place to get away from doctors, hospitals, and sickness in general, and just enjoy being together," she continued. "It gives kids like Justin a chance to have a fun time just being a 'normal' kid."

"It was amazing to see the happiness and smiles on every child's face."

The Garlands visited many of the amusement parks at Disney World (courtesy of "Give Kids the World" Village), and once again Justin got the red-carpet treatment thanks to a special blue button that gave him and his family front-of-the-line access to all of the rides and attractions.

"Justin was treated extra special by everyone at the parks because they all know that a blue button represents a child with special needs," said Michelle.

Although Justin's trip featured many highlights, Michelle believes that the biggest may have been the chance for him to make new friends.

"I will never forget Justin's reaction when we got to meet Mickey and the other Disney characters. He said, 'Mom, God must really think I'm special to let me come to Disney World.'"

"This trip was truly a blessing, and it is something our whole family will always remember," she added. "Best of all, it made Justin believe that wishes really do come true!"

To learn more about helping children like Justin through your donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan and "Give Kids the World" Village, call Michelle at 734-955-1855. □

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Majors' Ice-cream Social Gets Good Neighbors Together

During the past 20 years, Tyler Road residents Brian and Michelle Major have seen their neighborhood change. Older residents have moved away, and families with young children are taking their place. Unlike the "old days," many of the current residents don't know each other very well, and that's something that Michelle, in particular, would like to do something about.

It's no wonder, then, that she decided to enter a recent Edy's-sponsored essay contest on the subject of "Why My Neighborhood Deserves an Ice-cream Social."

"I came across the Edy's Web site as I was surfing the Internet one day, and I entered the contest on a whim," she said. "I never dreamed that I would win."

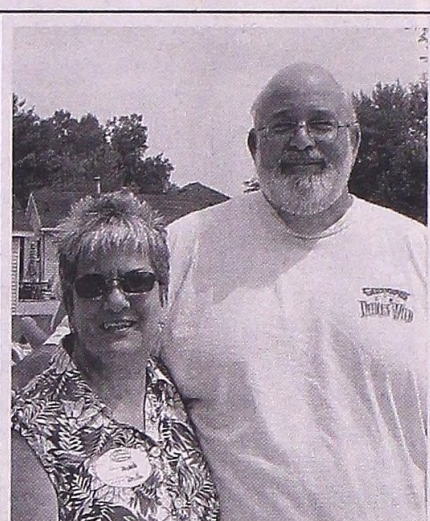
Michelle's essay focused on her desire to bring everyone together.

"Today, people have a tendency to cocoon themselves in their homes, separated by their privacy fences," she said. "The days of waving to your neighbors from your front porch are disappearing."

"But I think it would be nice for everyone—especially the young people—to get to know one another, and have their kids grow up together."

As a contest winner, Michelle received an ice-cream social "kit" that included 12 half-gallons of Edy's ice-cream in assorted flavors, as well as "door-hanger" invitations, a yard sign, a table cover, napkins, bowls, spoons, scoops, and discount coupons.

Augmenting these supplies with some of her own (additional ice cream, various toppings, etc.), she threw a party



Michelle Major (along with her husband, Brian) threw an ice-cream social for her neighbors.

for her entire neighborhood—49 houses in all—on August 4. Approximately 50 people turned out for the event, which also featured helium balloons and kids' craft projects (some of which were donated by Michael's of Westland), kiddie-pool swimming for the youngsters, and prizes (including a \$15 gift certificate donated by Romulus Hardware and lottery tickets purchased by Michelle) for the winners of categories like "newest neighbor" (Katrina Thomas) and "youngest in attendance" (Joe and Sarah Brown's seven-week-old twins, Emily and Ashley).

The party was such an enormous success that Michelle and her neighbors would like to make it an annual affair.

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Ice-cream Social



(From left) Robin Hopkins brought Las Vegas visitors Michel Gilbert and Lauren Gilbert to the Majors' recent Ice-cream Social.



(From left) Mike Hausch, Tom Lasater, Karen Lasater, and Dennis Edmonds enjoyed chatting with one another.



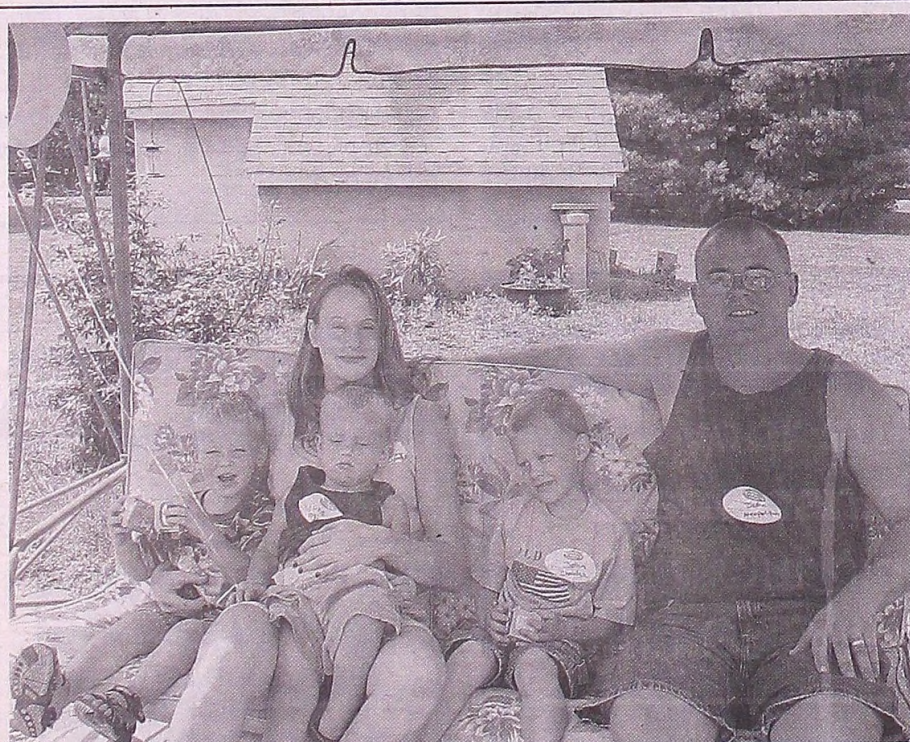
Judy Frederick and her granddaughters, Ally (center) and Madolyn, sprawled out in the grass to eat their ice cream.



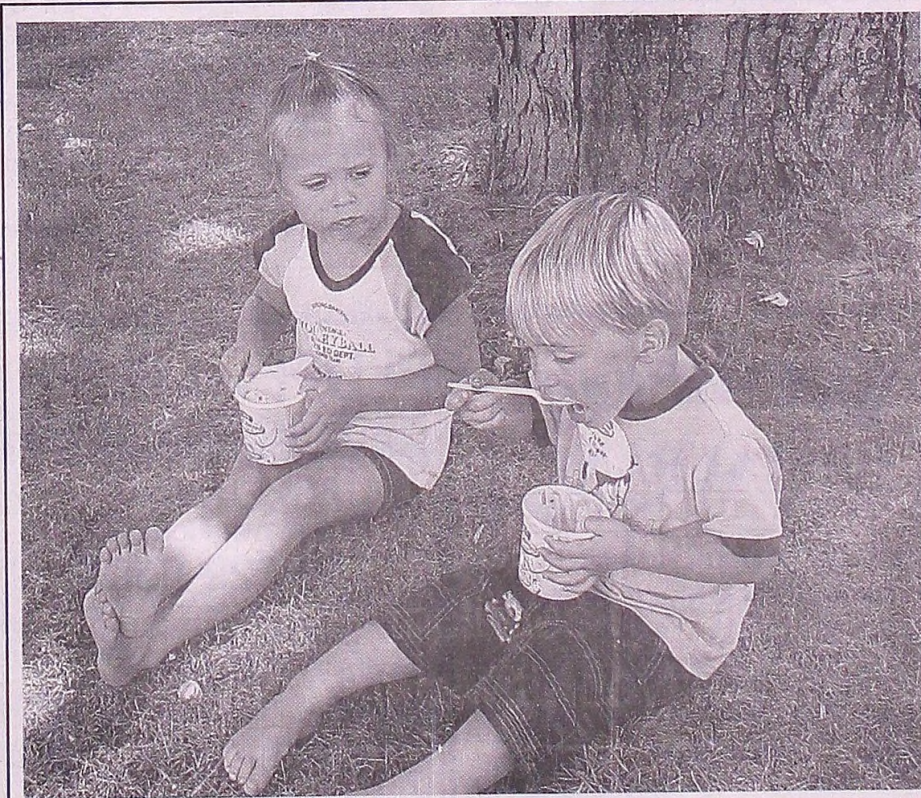
Katrina Thomas won the prize for "newest neighbor."



Dennis Edmonds enjoyed every bite of his cool confection.



The VanAssche family – (from left) Adam, Heidi (with Luke), John, and John – relaxed in a swing.



Bryanna Langer (age 3, left) and Luke Elliott (age 2) ate their ice cream in the shade beneath a tree.

District Announces Policy for Free and Reduced-price Meals

INCOME SCALE FOR FREE MEALS/FREE MILK

Total Family Size	Annually	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$13,273	\$1,107	\$ 554	\$ 511	\$256
2	\$17,797	\$1,484	\$ 742	\$ 685	\$343
3	\$22,321	\$1,861	\$ 931	\$ 859	\$430
4	\$26,845	\$2,238	\$1,119	\$1,033	\$517
5	\$31,369	\$2,615	\$1,308	\$1,207	\$604
6	\$35,893	\$2,992	\$1,496	\$1,381	\$691
7	\$40,417	\$3,369	\$1,685	\$1,555	\$778
8	\$44,941	\$3,746	\$1,873	\$1,729	\$865
*	\$ 4,524	\$ 377	\$ 189	\$ 174	\$ 87

*For each additional household member, add this amount.

INCOME SCALE FOR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

Total Family Size	Annually	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$18,889	\$1,575	\$ 788	\$ 727	\$ 364
2	\$25,327	\$2,111	\$1,056	\$ 975	\$ 488
3	\$31,765	\$2,648	\$1,324	\$1,222	\$ 611
4	\$38,203	\$3,184	\$1,592	\$1,470	\$ 735
5	\$44,641	\$3,721	\$1,861	\$1,717	\$ 859
6	\$51,079	\$4,257	\$2,129	\$1,965	\$ 983
7	\$57,517	\$4,794	\$2,397	\$2,213	\$1,107
8	\$63,955	\$5,330	\$2,665	\$2,460	\$1,230
*	\$ 6,438	\$ 537	\$ 269	\$ 248	\$ 124

*For each additional household member, add this amount.

The Romulus Community Schools has announced its policy for free and reduced-price school meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program.

The charts above identify the household size and income criteria that will be used for determining eligibility for the program. Children from households with incomes at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.

Application forms are being sent to all homes, along with a letter to parents/guardians. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, a household should fill out the form and return it to the appropriate school.

Additional copies of the application form are available at the principal's office in each school. Households should answer all questions on the form.

Non-Food Stamp Households

An application that does not contain all of the following information cannot be processed by the school:

- the total income, by source (such as wages, child support, etc.), for each household member;
- the names of all household members;
- the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application; and
- the signature of a household member.

Food Stamp/FIP/FDPIR Households

If you currently receive Food Stamps, Family Independence Program (FIP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits for your child, all you have to list is your child's name and Food Stamp or FIP/FDPIR case number, and sign the application.

The information provided by a household is confidential, and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility, verifying data, or qualifying children for other Federal and State programs, as authorized by the United States Department of Agriculture. The school or other officials may verify applications at any time during the school year.

Households may apply for benefits

at any time during the school year. If a household is not currently eligible, but then has a decrease in household income or an increase in household size, or if a household member becomes unemployed, the household should fill out an application at that time.

In most cases, *foster children* are eligible for these benefits regardless of their household's income. If a household has foster children among its members, and wishes to apply for free or reduced-price meals for them, the household should contact the school for more information.

Under the provisions of the policy, Sherri Papazoglou (36540 Grant Rd., Romulus, MI 48174; 734-532-1600) will review the applications and determine eligibility.

Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. The household also has the right to a fair hearing. This can be arranged by writing or calling the following official: Sherri

Papazoglou, 36540 Grant Rd., Romulus, MI 48174; 734-532-1600.

Each school and the District Administration Building have a copy of the complete policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

Reapply

You may apply for meal benefits at any time during the school year. If you lose your job, if your income decreases, if your family size increases, or if you begin receiving Food Stamps or FIP/FDPIR benefits, fill out an application at that time.

Note that, in accordance with Federal law and US Department of Agriculture policy, discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability is prohibited. To file a complaint of discrimination, write the USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call 800-795-3272 or 202-720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal-opportunity provider and employer.

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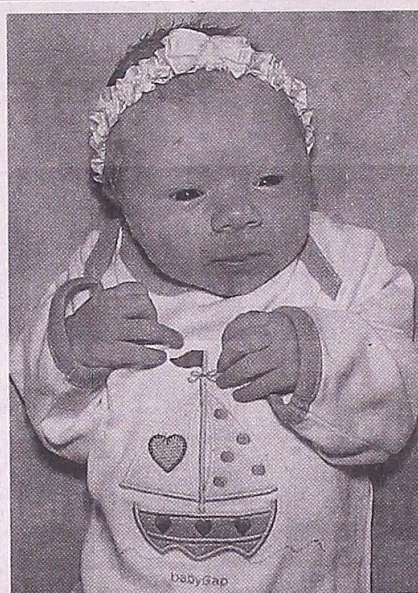
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Chloe was born in Oakwood Annapolis Hospital (Wayne, MI) at 5:53 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, weighing 5 lbs., 14 oz., and measuring 19 in.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm welcome into the family were big sister Katrina, age 16, and big brother Justin, 15, as well as maternal grandmother Joyce Randolph.

Chloe's paternal grandparents are the late Frank and the late Tetti Jadzinski. The late Wilburn Randolph is her maternal grandfather. □

Obituary

Jeffery Robert Dick

Jeffery Robert Dick passed away on Sunday, August 5, 2007. He was 33 years old.

Jeffery, a lifelong resident of the Belleville area, was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, on April 22, 1974. He loved the outdoors, motorcycles, and children, and had a wonderful relationship with his stepchildren and stepgrandchildren.

Among those surviving Jeffery are his parents, Ralph Dick (FL) and Verna (Robin Cox) Montie (Belleville); his wife, Kimberly Abbott-Dick, whom he married in Toledo, Ohio, on July 11, 2000; 4 stepchildren, Brittney (John Finley) Beck (Belleville), Brock (Kyriann) Lewis (Ypsilanti); Jacob (Tia Rushlow) Lewis (Belle-

ville), and Aaron Lewis (Romulus); 3 stepgrandchildren, Audrey Beck-Finley and Emily and Eric Green; 2 brothers, Walter (Dana) Dick (TN) and Curtis Dick (Belleville); a sister, Donna (Greg) Lees (Westland, MI); his mother-in-law, Cheryle Abbott (Belleville), his father-in-law, Erwin (Linda) Abbott (VA); and numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, and friends.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, August 8, at David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville), with Pastor Gordon Moore officiating. Entombment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

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